

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image correction device which corrects ~~makes image corrections to image data of an image to correct~~ defects in local objects in the an image, the image correction device comprising:

an image acquisition section which acquires image data ~~of an image~~;

an image correction processor section which corrects an object in image data acquired by said image acquisition section and generates correction information detailing said image correction made to said object;

~~a detection section which detects objects to be subjected to the image corrections in the image corresponding to the image data acquired by the image acquisition section and generates detection information which describes details of the detected objects; and~~

a storage section which stores the acquired or corrected image data ~~acquired by the image acquisition section and the detection information generated by the detection section and said correction information~~ by associating the acquired or corrected image data ~~with the detection information with said correction information~~, wherein said storage section stores the acquired or corrected image data and said correction information by embedding said correction information in the acquired or corrected image data as an electronic watermark, and wherein said correction information includes steps taken to make said correction so that the stored image data contains information to undo or repeat said correction.

2. (Currently amended) The image correction device ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the storage section associates the image data and the detection information with each other by associating the objects detected by the detection section in the image corresponding to the image data with the detection information about the objects~~ the stored image data comprises image data acquired by said image acquisition section.

3. (Currently amended) The image correction device ~~according to~~ of claim 1, wherein ~~the storage section stores the image data and the detection information by embedding the detection information in the image data as an electronic watermark~~ the stored image data comprises image data subjected to image correction by said image correction processor section.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) ~~An image correction program storage medium storing an image correction program that runs on a computer and makes the computer operate as an image correction device which makes image corrections to image data of an image to correct defects in local objects in the image, the image correction program comprising~~ A computer readable medium having embodied thereon an image correction program which, when executed by a computer, performs the steps of:

~~an image acquisition section which acquires~~ acquiring image data of an image;

~~an image correction processor section which makes the image corrections~~ making a correction to the objects an object in the said image corresponding to the image data acquired by the image acquisition section and;

~~generates~~ generating correction information which describes details of the detailing said image correction ~~corrections~~ made to said object ~~the objects~~, at least to the extent that the objects before the corrections can be reproduced; and

~~a storage section which stores at least either~~ storing the acquired or corrected image data acquired by the image acquisition section or the image data subjected to the image corrections by the image correction processor section and the detection said correction information generated by the ~~detection~~ section by associating the acquired or corrected image data ~~or the corrected image data~~ with the said correction information, wherein said storing stores the acquired or corrected image data and said correction information by embedding said correction information in the

acquired or corrected image data as an electronic watermark, and wherein said correction information includes steps taken to make said correction so that the stored image data contains information to undo or repeat said correction.

7. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the stored image data comprises image data acquired by said image acquisition section.

8. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 6, wherein the stored image data comprises image data subjected to image correction by said image correction processor section.

9. (new) An image correction device which corrects defects in local objects in an image, the image correction device comprising:

an image acquisition section which acquires image data;

an image correction processor section which corrects an object in image data acquired by said image acquisition section and generates correction information detailing said image correction made to said object;

a storage section which stores the acquired or corrected image data and said correction information by associating the acquired or corrected image data with said correction information, wherein said storage section creates an additional margin around the acquired or corrected image data, wherein said storage section stores said correction information by embedding said correction information in said additional margin as an electronic watermark, and wherein said correction information includes steps taken to make said correction so that said margin contains information to undo or repeat said correction.

10. (new) The image correction device of claim 9, wherein the stored image data comprises image data acquired by said image acquisition section.

11. (new) The image correction device of claim 9, wherein the stored image data comprises image data subjected to image corrections by said image correction processor section.

12. (new) A computer readable medium having embodied thereon an image correction program which, when executed by a computer, performs the steps of:

acquiring image data;

making a correction to an object in said image data;

generating correction information detailing said image correction made to said object; and

storing the acquired or corrected image data and said correction information by associating the acquired or corrected image data with said correction information, wherein said storing creates an additional margin around said image data, wherein said storing stores said correction information by embedding said correction information in said additional margin as an electronic watermark, and wherein said correction information includes steps taken to make said correction so that said margin contains information to undo or repeat said correction.

13. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the stored image data comprises image data acquired by said image acquisition section.

14. (new) The computer readable medium of claim 12, wherein the stored image data comprises image data subjected to image corrections by said image correction processor section.